



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Douglas P.  
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Serial No.: 10/790,524

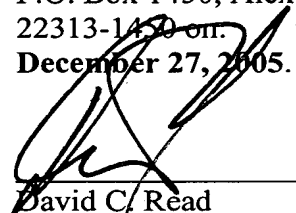
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For: Locking Mechanism for a  
Threaded Connection

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 24, 2005 AND AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on June 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.